

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Palmer. (1/17)

Representative Bennett moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Bieda** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Representative Marleau moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2006 meeting.

Representative Gosselin supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Sheen laid **SB 859** before the committee.

SB 859	Cassis	Property tax; principal residence exemption; principal residence exemption for revocable trust of certain individuals; revise.
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Senator Nancy Cassis, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Pat Dohany, representing himself, testified before the committee in support of **SB 859**.

Peggy Johnson, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, turned in a testimony card in support of **SB 859** but did not wish to speak.

Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, turned in a testimony card in support of **SB 859** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **SB 859**, with recommendation. **Representative Drolet** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 5538** before the committee.

HB 5538 Caswell Property tax; appeals; alternative start dates for board of review; provide for.

David Marvin, from Representative Bruce Caswell's office, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5538**.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5538** but did not wish to speak.

Peggy Johnson, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5538** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Drolet moved to report **HB 5538**, with recommendation. **Representative Stakoe** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:32 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070